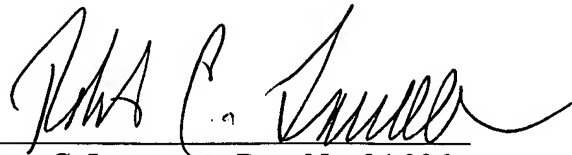


Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this preliminary amendment. However, if a fee is in fact due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the same to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038**, referencing Docket No. **02453.0003.NPUS00**.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The paragraph at page 1, lines 13 - 19:

-- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. [To Be Determined, Howrey Dkt. No. 02453.0008.PZUS01] 60/355,922, entitled "Network Switch," filed February 11, 2002, and is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application [To Be Determined, Howrey Dkt. No. 02453.0003.NPUS00] No. 10/098,957, entitled "Method Of And System For Allocating Resources To Resource Requests Based On Application Of Persistence Policies," filed February 11, 2002, both of which are hereby fully incorporated by reference herein as though set forth in full. --

The paragraph at page 1, line 32, through page 2, line 11:

-- This application is related to U.S. Provisional Application No. [To Be Determined, Howrey Dkt. No. 02453.0008.PZUS01] 60/355,922, entitled "Network Switch"; U.S. Patent Application [Serial No. To Be Determined, BSTZ Dkt. No. To Be Determined (Extreme Docket No. PE-19)], No. 10/074,462 entitled "Method Of And System For Allocating Resources To Resource Requests"; U.S. Patent Application [Serial No. To Be Determined, Howrey Dkt. No. 02453.0005.NPUS00] No. 10/073,538 entitled "Method And System For Maintaining Temporal Consistency Of Resources And Data In A Multiple-Processor Packet Switch"; U.S. Patent Application [Serial No. To Be Determined, Howrey Docket No. 02453.0006.NPUS00] No. 10/073,638 entitled "Method And System For Managing Traffic In A Packet Network Environment"; U.S. Patent Application [Serial No. To Be Determined, Howrey Docket No. 02453.0007.NPUS00] No. 10/073,484 entitled "Method And System For Translating Packet Sizes In A Network"; and U.S. Patent Application [Serial No. To Be Determined, Howrey Docket No. 02453.0008.NPUS00] No. 10/098,957 entitled "Switching System." Each of the foregoing applications [were] was filed on February 11, 2002, and are owned in common by the assignee hereof. Moreover, each of these applications is fully incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full. --